

Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Title: ROLL-FED TAPE/FILM SYSTEM FOR APPLICATION OF ADHESIVE TO VARIOUS MEDIA IN INKJET MEDIA DEVICES

REMARKS

The following Remarks are made in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 27, 2006, in which claims 15, 16, 31, and 32 were rejected. With this Amendment, claim 15 has been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 16 and 32 have been amended to clarify Applicant's invention. Claims 12, 16, 26, 31, and 32, therefore, remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 15, 16, 31, and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for the reason that the Specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. More specifically, the Examiner contends that the Specification, while being enabling for the adhesive tape including a plurality of segments of first adhesive layer and backing sheet, does not reasonably provide enablement for an adhesive tape having first adhesive layer, backing sheet, second adhesive layer and carrier sheet also including a segmented adhesive film.

With this Amendment, claim 15 has been cancelled without prejudice. The rejection of claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, therefore, is rendered moot.

With this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 32 (from which claims 16 and 31 depend) to clarify that "said first adhesive layer and said backing sheet of said adhesive tape include a plurality of segments." Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 15, 16, 31, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, be reconsidered and withdrawn and that claims 16, 31, and 32 be allowed.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for the reason that the Specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. More specifically, the Examiner contends that the Specification, while being enabling for complete cuts to define the segments in a tape having a first adhesive layer, backing sheet, second adhesive layer and carrier sheet does not reasonably provide enablement for a film or layer being perforated to define the segments.

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With this Amendment, claim 15 has been cancelled without prejudice. The rejection of claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, therefore, is rendered moot.

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for the reason that the Specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. More specifically, the Examiner contends that the Specification, while being enabling for complete cuts through the adhesive film (first adhesive layer) and backing sheet, does not reasonably provide enablement for complete cuts only through the adhesive film.

With this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 16 to clarify that "said adhesive tape includes complete cuts through said first adhesive layer and said backing sheet to define said segments, said segments being carried on said carrier sheet via said second adhesive layer." Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, be reconsidered and withdrawn and that claim 16 be allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 12 and 26 are allowed. Applicant appreciates the indicated allowance of these claims.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 12, 16, 26, 31, and 32 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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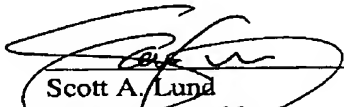
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